

House Resolution 1503

By: Representative Parrish of the 156th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Desse Ervin Davis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Desse Ervin Davis has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
3 the vital role that he has played in the teaching profession and his deep personal commitment
4 to the education of the students of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was born in 1938 in Swainsboro, Georgia, a beloved son of Bessie
6 Lucille and Carlos Davis, and earned a bachelor's degree from Fort Valley State College, a
7 master's degree from Valdosta State College, and a specialist degree in educational
8 leadership from Georgia Southern College; and

9 WHEREAS, he began his career in education at Emanuel County Elementary and High
10 School as a math teacher and challenged students outside the classroom as a coach for the
11 school's boys basketball, boys track, and football teams; and

12 WHEREAS, after decades in the classroom, Mr. Davis accepted the position of principal at
13 Swainsboro High School, where he was instrumental in the school's recognition as a Georgia
14 Public School of Excellence and a National Blue Ribbon; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was honored with numerous awards and accolades over the years,
16 including a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award in 1993 and 2009 Person
17 of the Year from the Swainsboro Emanuel Chamber of Commerce; and

18 WHEREAS, he retired from Swainsboro High School after 32 years as an educator and
19 currently serves as principal at the Emanuel County Youth Development Center, maintains
20 several rental properties, and serves as a deacon at his church; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis's leadership and guidance have been instrumental as president of the
22 Swainsboro Evening Optimist Club and as a member of the Swainsboro Appeals Board,

23 Modern Woodmen of America, the National Association of Secondary School Principals,
24 and the Heart of Georgia Workforce Investment Board; and

25 WHEREAS, an athletic official for 25 years with the Georgia High School Association, Mr.
26 Davis has also served his community as an Emanuel County Commissioner since 1995; and

27 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage for 41 wonderful years to his supportive wife,
28 Nellie Zackery, and has been blessed with three children, Desse, Jr., John Carlos, and Natalie
29 Cher; and

30 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
31 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
32 of this outstanding individual.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Mr. Desse Ervin Davis for his
35 decades of sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of public
36 education in Georgia and extend to him best wishes for the future.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Desse Ervin Davis.